

****UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, NO SWINE OR SWINE SEMEN MAY BE EXPORTED TO ARGENTINA. ARGENTINA IS CONCERNED WITH THE OCCURRENCE OF SWINE INFERTILITY AND REPRODUCTION SYNDROME (SIRS) IN THE UNITED STATES.**

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**IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARGENTINA FOR
PORCINE SEMEN EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES**

The semen must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the semen to be exported including identification of the donor boar. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The United States has been officially free of cases of swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, Teschen's disease, foot-and-mouth disease (Types SAT1, SAT2, SAT3, and ASIA 1) and classical swine fever (hog cholera) for the 3 years prior to this exportation.
2. The artificial insemination (AI) center where this semen for exportation was collected has been free of pseudorabies, (Aujeszky's disease), transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE), erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, vesicular stomatitis, Q fever, and tuberculosis for the 12 months prior to and at least the 45 days after the collection of this semen.
3. The donor boar was tested on the farm of origin prior to entering the AI center for brucellosis, vesicular stomatitis, pseudorabies, TGE, tuberculosis, and leptospirosis with negative results.
4. The donor boar originated from a farm where vaccination for pseudorabies was not used and the donor boar has not been vaccinated against pseudorabies.
5. The farm or establishment of origin of the donor boar was free of brucellosis.
6. The donor boar was free of clinical evidence of infectious and parasitic diseases (with special reference to diseases listed in Item 2) at the time of collection of the semen for exportation.

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

All donor boars entering the AI center shall be maintained in isolation for 45 days before being transferred into the permanent population of the center and during that time be tested and negative for the following diseases:

1. Brucellosis: Tube and Plate agglutination test at 1:25 dilution; AND Card test
2. Vesicular Stomatitis: (a) Serum Neutralization (SN) test at 1:16 dilution; OR
(b) ELISA test
3. Pseudorabies: SN test at 1:4 dilution
4. TGE: SN test at 1:8 dilution
5. Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using avian and bovine PPD tuberculins
6. Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at 1:100 dilution for *L. pomona*, *L. hardjo*, *L. canicola*, *L. icterohaemorrhagiae*, and *L. grippityphosa*

Boars maintained in a permanent manner at an AI center shall be retested every 6 months for the diseases listed above.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. A donor boar must be maintained at the AI center for at least 30 days after the last collection of semen for exportation to Argentina for observation of clinical evidence of infectious disease.
2. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate must be "visado" by the nearest Argentinian consular office prior to exportation of the semen.
3. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate shall contain the following information in addition to certification statements and testing data:
 - a. Identification of donor sire including tattoos, breed, date of birth, and registration number.

- b. Name and address of last farm residence prior to entering the AI center.
- c. Date of collection of the semen, number of straws or ampoules, and identification marks on the straws or ampoules.
- d. Name and address of the AI center where the semen was collected, name of accredited veterinarian supervising the AI center, and date the donor boar entered the AI center.